

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Our country is at war. Many of us heard the news around noon Sunday when we casually turned on the tube after church and/or lunch. It was no real surprise as the country's leaders had been saying it was coming. Polls show a surprisingly high percentage of people in America, and in fact the world, support this action against a terrorist faction which has continued to grow and expand its influence. The life of not one single peace and freedom loving American, British, etc., is worth the lives of every one of those terror spreading nuts, but the reality is that they have continually taken American lives and will do so more and more until stopped. We heard the news of the first bombing Sunday with mixed emotions. Admittedly we knew it was coming and coming soon. Admittedly we could never be described as a peace freak at any cost, but more in the hawk category. Yet for the past three weeks our quiet hopes and prayers were for our government and those of our allies could win this battle by cutting off the cash flow to the various terrorist units, cutting their lines of communications with each other and breaking up the secret terrorists "cells" with arrests, all without having to pay so many of our best and finest young men and women in Harris' way.

Details from a Harris Poll taken at the start of WWII showed something less than 100% of Americans favored this action entering that war, in spite of all that was happening at both Pearl Harbor and in Europe. That is part of the reason we were a little surprised to read about the high percentage of Americans who thus far support the ongoing actions against the world's best known terrorist group. We expect ultimate success, because we are red blooded American flag wavers and hard core believers in *The American Way*.

We try not to give Senator Jimmy Holley any free ammo to shoot us down with, but he seems to find something in our writings anyway. His latest was to comment that his feelings were extremely hurt over some recent comments in this column. We think it was right after the September 11th events and while the Alabama legislature was still in session, or maybe had just adjourned. Anyway this column expressed optimism that America would survive the terrorist attacks but then added something about us also surviving the Alabama legislature. That was Senator Holley's "chicken" words for lunch with wisecracks of his own, and he did exercise that license the very next time we were together! Of course Jimmy has never lost much sleep over any of our Brainstorm comments, but he does act the part. He uses them as an excuse to give us as good as we send and get out some of his own pent up frustrations. Yet he always stops short of decisively winning every battle, because he knows there is another election day coming up every four years and he just might need our one vote some day. After all, he keenly remembers losing his first legislative election bid, oh so many years ago, by just three votes.

Folk's it is not normally considered read-stuff business for a newspaper writer to endorse local politicians, but both Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer have been good for Elba and Coffee County during the past three years. I frankly we think they make a good team for us in the Mountiemers state house.

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Elba Marching Tiger Band represents pride and tradition of city

by Linda Hodge, Editor

When I decided to write this editorial Saturday evening, I was mad. Now, I've had a few days to cool down, but I find myself still wanting to make a few remarks concerning the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band and its appearance at the band festival held in Daleville last weekend.

Just last week, I wrote an editorial trying to promote the programs at Elba as Homecoming approaches, especially with this being the centennial year for the school. When I was in school, I loved having the support of the community, and continue to believe that the community's support is an important ingredient in helping our youth be successful.

As I attended the band festival last weekend, I was reminded of why I love being able to call Elba my home.

As many around town already know, the results of the festival for Elba were somewhat disap-

pointing, but the members of the Elba High School Band did any time but disappoint.

I watched their performance Saturday afternoon just as I have watched all season long. When they left the field, I, as did most everyone from Elba in attendance, believed the band had just delivered the best performance of the season. I remember saying, "What a time to pull out your best show so far this year!" Spirits were high as everyone watched the other bands still left to perform and waited until the awards ceremony.

When Elba High School's name was called, the band came to attention. The numbers started just as we anticipated with the drum major, drum line, majorettes, dance line, and color guard all receiving a one. Then the band put its numbers, 2, 2, 2 with an overall 2.

We clapped in appreciation, but the best word to describe the Elba group was... stunned. Then we all began to ask, "What went

wrong?" No one expected that.

As my competitive nature began to take over, I became angry because I felt this was not a mark Elba deserved. Then, I felt even worse as I looked at the kids and saw the tears rolling down their faces. They had given it their all, felt good about what they accomplished and then three judges broke their hearts by rendering a 2 instead of a 1.

But, right then, at the most disappointing moment of the evening, the band members of the Elba Marching Tiger Band reminded me of why I am proud to be from Elba.

Pride took control of the situation. Instead of storming away, the band and its supporters calmly gathered in the endzone of Daleville's football field. Band director Jeff Ellis gave his group some words of encouragement. He too didn't know at that point why Elba received an overall 2, but it was his job to reassure his band students that a 2 was not a mark that would put

a dark cloud over this group's season.

It is a band with more than half of the members being 7th, 8th and 9th graders. The band is young, and they all knew from the beginning that it would be an uphill battle. Mr. Ellis told his students that if they had done their best while in the field Saturday afternoon then they certainly had nothing to be disappointed about that evening.

Then, he called the people from Elba winners and said that he understood why the low marks hurt because the people of Elba are winners and find it hard to accept anything below the best. This group of students is certainly no different from anyone else in Elba.

Then, right there on the field, while everyone else was shouting and celebrating their good day or already making their way to the buses to go home, the group from Elba stood in a close circle and joined one another for

the Elba Marching Tiger Band. The members of this year's band are \$164,000 which would leave about \$30,000 of the \$194,508 that Ingram said can be used to finish paying for the wiring and sewer projects.

Also, Ingram added that paying the debt service with the bond money will free up the \$164,000

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and the next fiscal year (which began on October 1st) and should be better than during the last year.

The mayor responded to several questions about the proposed upgrades in the cable TV system by the new franchise providers, Charter Communications. He said the company has told him they plan to have the Elba cable system completely upgraded by September 2002. This upgrade will include fiber optic cables and fast internet connection.

Chamber News

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will host the following events during the month of October:

Homecoming Tailgate Party, Oct. 25, in lot next to the People's Bank from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Pumpkins on the Square, Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

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mending the department for its role in keeping unsafe drivers off the roads and finding those who were disobeying the seat belt law in Alabama.

Williams was unable to attend the commission meeting, but Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates accepted the citation on his behalf.

"We're proud of what we've done," said Moates. "This gives us a chance to get out in the community and be seen."

Chancey said of nearly \$700,000 in grant money received by the SEI Medical Center Trauma Unit for the program, the Coffee County Sheriff's Department was awarded somewhere between \$12-15,000.

He said Coffee County inspected 2,108 cars during the campaign times, and the grant money was used in paying overtime for the officers participating in the program.

Chancey also announced Monday morning that as of Friday morning the Coffee County Sheriff's Department will be awarded a grant in the amount of \$2,200 to purchase equipment.

Coffee County Engineer Randy Tindell also gave the commission some good news Monday morning concerning bridges in Coffee County.

Tindell said the Federal Administration began making counties post bridges that were

not up to standards back in the mid-80s. He said the Coffee County Commission, at that time and through the years, has focused on bridge renovation. As the time of year has returned to look at the status of posted bridges, Tindell said he was happy to report Monday morning that no bridges in Coffee County require posting at this time.

"According to the Department of Transportation, we are the only county in the state without a posted bridge," he said.

In other business, the commission said it will

* Awarded the truck bid tabled from the last meeting to Kenworth of Dothan in the amount of \$75,575.82. Kenworth submitted the second lowest bid, but Tindell said the low bidder did not meet specifications.

* Approved a resolution to send out bids for pipe. All bids for pipe were rejected by the commission at the last meeting.

Tindell said they tried a new way of bidding for the pipe this year, and it did not work.

* Approved matching grant funds in the amount of \$30,000 for a road resurfacing project in New Brockton. Tindell said a letter has been received from the Department of Transportation approving the project.

Approved Tindell's request to allow him to sell old sign posts and motor grader blades.

* Approved a motion to obtain a download program, off the

Internet from Verizon that will log phone calls that come in while the Internet is in use. The download program will have a one-time fee of \$9 and will cost \$1.20 each month after the first month. The county will obtain the program for all Senior Citizen Centers in Coffee County. The commissioners agreed that this would cost less than obtaining an additional phone line for the Internet at each center.

* Approved a motion to extend the contractor's contract an additional 17 days due to rain in the construction of the new Senior Citizen's Center at Pine Level and Damascus. The additional days should allow for completion of the buildings on Nov. 13. Only Commissioner Doug Dalrymple voted in opposition to the motion.

* Voted to hire Gail Stewart as the manager of the New Hope Senior Citizen's Center. Commissioner Kaye Lewis said a family illness forced the resignation of the former manager.

* Approved a motion by Commissioner Robert Stephens to raise the bid for Coffee County Board of Education building in Elba to Janice and Jack Bell for \$75 per month. Stephens said the building will be used for storage.

The Coffee County Commission will meet again on Monday, Oct. 22, at 8 a.m. in the community room at the county complex in New Brockton.

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facts of this money will be at Zion Chapel High School where the first cabling system was placed in the school system and it needs updating. She said this will give the school a faster and more reliable computer system.

In other business, the board:

* Accepted the resignation of Tammy Brooks as nurse at the New Brockton Schools.

* Approved the transfer of Lynn Reeves, Kingston High School nurse, to serve New Brockton students 2 days a week each. This means the principals of each respective school will administer medicine on the days that a nurse is not at the school.

* Approved requests for out-of-state travel for several students to attend the EFLA Fall Leadership conference in Greenville, N.C.

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SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales

Editor:
Katie Grimes

EHS Faculty Spotlight

by Brittany Daniels

This week, our faculty spotlight focuses on Mr. Leroy Canley.

Mr. Canley is a graduate of the Class of 1983 at Kinston High School. After high school, he attended Enterprise State Junior College, then transferred to LaGrange College in LaGrange, Georgia. There he majored in business administration. He then attended Troy State University, where he received his Master's in Special Education/Severely Learning Disabled (SLD) and Mentally Retarded (MR).

Mr. Canley completed his internship at Daleville High School in 1995. From 1995-1997 he served as a MR teacher at Samson High School. After leaving Samson, Mr. Canley then joined us here in Elba. He has been working with the Elba City School System for five years and is presently serving as a SLD teacher (Math - High School and Language Arts - Elementary School). He also coaches the EHS Varsity Girl's Basketball team and the Junior High Girl's Volleyball team.

Mr. Canley and his wife, Janet, have four children: one girl, Leann; and three sons, Leroy, Jake, and Landon. Jay.



Leroy Canley

and Levi JaDee. When not busy at school or enjoying his home life, Mr. Canley enjoys playing basketball. He now holds the National NAIA College Record for the most 3-pointers (142) made in a season. He played professional basketball for three years and roomed with Darrell Armstrong, the starting point guard for the Orlando Magic.

Working with children at various basketball camps inspired Mr. Canley to teach. Through his experiences, he saw that children need as much excitement toward academics as sports activities. Mr. Canley says that if he could no longer be a teacher, he would like to be a 3-point specialist for the Boston Celtics.

Co-Op Spotlight

by Charly Barlow



Miranda Russell

This week's co-op spotlight focuses on Miranda Russell. Miranda is a 17-year-old senior at Elba High School. Miranda works at Elba High School in the office where she types, answers the phone and makes copies. She also works at Hardee's where she is a cashier. Miranda is involved in EHLA, VICA, Chorus, Journalism, and she is the editor of the school newspaper. Miranda's parents are Helen Russell and Clifford Blue. After graduation she plans on attending college to become a computer programmer.

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Students receive nomination for the Wendy's Heisman Award

by Jonathan Head

Often enough, there is a social clash between those who are brawny and those who are brainy. Each group has a set standard of values and guidelines which they follow, but what happens when the two worlds collide? Wendy's Heisman Award Winners are a reflection of these qualities, carefully blended to form a unique essence of the best of both worlds.

After profound exploration and consideration of the senior class, the Elba High administration arrived at the distinctive choice of student-athletes Gavin Mauldin and Brittany Daniels for

this award. Both Mauldin and Daniels are very proud to be chosen for such an elevated honor. When asked how they felt the award reflected a part of themselves, Mauldin replied, "The award not only showcases our great athletic achievements, but also our academic success." Daniels stated, "It says a lot about all the time and effort we've put into our schoolwork and activities. It helps me endure that extra mile when I'm recognized for giving it my all."

Clearly there's no contest; these candidates are without a doubt, the Wendy's Heisman Award Winners of the 2001-2002 school year.



Gavin Mauldin and Brittany Daniels

EES Faculty Spotlight

by Kimberly Farris

This week's faculty spotlight is Mrs. Norma Young. She is the wife of Edward "PJ" Young. Her daughter, Makenzie, and son-in-law, Cleve, have recently welcomed the addition of a little girl, Noble, to the family.

Mrs. Young is a graduate of Enterprise High School and Troy State University. She teaches kindergarten at Elba Elementary School and used to be an aide for first and second grade.

Ruby Stinson, Ella Kate Ham and John Hunter have all encouraged and inspired her to complete her studies. Ms. Earlene Poole once told her, "Once you get it in your heart, no one can take it from you."

Mrs. Young's hobbies include



Norma Young

fishing, cooking, shopping and hanging around with her mom and pop. Mrs. Young said that if she could no longer be a teacher she would want to just be a "gran-gran" and housewife.

Elba High School parade participants wanted

Everyone is urged to participate in Elba High School's annual homecoming parade. This year's parade will be held Friday, October 26, at 3 p.m. Awards will be given in the following categories:

- I. Elba High School entries. This includes class and club floats, excluding the Homecoming Queen's float, which will not be judged.
- II. All other entries. This includes any entries not associated with Elba High School, such as Scout troops, study clubs, and city league football teams.

Only entries listed in the official parade line-up will be in competition. Call Elba High School at 897-2366 for further information or to submit a parade entry. The deadline for entry is noon on Thursday, Oct. 25. Your support of this activity will be greatly appreciated.

CENTENNIAL EDITION

The Elba High School Journalism staff is desperately seeking photos from the early years of Elba High for a special centennial edition of the Elba Clipper. Anyone with candid pictures from 1902-1998 and would like to contribute needs to contact Julie Norris at the high school at 897-2122.

Elba Elementary School Menu Oct. 15 - 19, 2001

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Corn, Crackers, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes & Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Hamburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickle, Chocolate Cake, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Taco Salad, Corn on the Cob, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Thursday - Pop, Tart, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Steak Sandwich, Potato Rounds, Mixed Vegetables, Sliced Peaches, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Fried Chicken, Rice, English Peas, Roll, 1/2 Orange, Milk

Elba High students take exams

by Francie English

For all students at Elba High School, it's that dreaded time again. Semester exams took place Thursday, October 4, and Friday, October 5.

On Thursday, first and third block classes took exams. Second and fourth block classes

tested on Friday. Students had to study, study, study, last week.

Final exams test students on material they have learned from all of the previous weeks of school.

The grades from these exams will count as one-fourth of students' final average for each class.

Both students and teachers of EHS welcomed this long week-end break from the hectic schedule of school.

SUPPORT YOUTH & EDUCATION

VICA elects officers for 2001-2002 school year

by Katie Grimes



From left: Shannon Winters, Katie Grimes, Charly Barlow and Heather Hays. Not pictured: Brandy Davis and Candace Anderson.

Elba High School's VICA (Vocational/Industrial Clubs of America) chapter recently elected new officers for the 2001-2002 school year.

During the September club meeting, members of VICA voted on officers. The following people were elected to office: Katie Grimes - President; Brandy Davis - Vice-president; Charly Barlow - Secretary; Shannon Winters - Treasurer; Heather Hays - Reporter; and Candace Anderson - Parliamentarian.

VICA is looking forward to a great year under its new leadership.

Journalism staff holds raffle to raise funds

by Stephanie Sasser

The Elba High School Journalism Staff is holding a raffle for a \$100 prize. This prize will be given out at the Elba vs. Gulf Shores football game on October 26, which is Elba's Homecoming game.

The purpose of this raffle is to raise money for the 2002 Elba Clipper. Chances can be bought for \$1 from any Journalism staff member. Please support your local high school journalism department by purchasing MANY chances. Good luck!

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COMMUNITY NEWS



THE 2001 MISS NPF CONTESTANTS met recently for the Parents Orientation Tea for this year's Miss National Peanut Festival Pageant. Preliminaries for this year's pageant will be held at the Dothan Civic Center, Friday, October 19. Verbal Communications Preliminary will be held at 2 p.m. and Evening Gown Preliminary will be at 7 p.m. Pageant finals will be held at the Dothan Civic Center, Saturday, October 20 at 7 p.m.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. On October 15, 2001, 7:00 p.m., at First Baptist Church in Dothan, the House of Ruth will hold a Candlelight Vigil to remember the domestic violence victims who were murdered in the past two years, and to pay tribute to those victims who have survived. The theme for this year's program is "Remember My Name: Remember and Act."

The House of Ruth is a non-profit organization that provides in-shelter and out-of-shelter services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in an eight-county service area. These services include victim advocacy, domestic violence and sexual assault educational programs to community groups, law enforcement and medical personnel, and a 24-hour crisis line. Victims of domestic violence or sexual assault may call 793-2232 or 1-800-650-6522.

PACT deadline is extended to November 15

Lacy Baxley, State Treasurer, has announced an extension of the deadline for enrollment in the plan this year. According to Baxley, there is added interest this year in saving for college education because of the tremendous increase in college tuition as well as new tax incentives.

Further information and applications for enrollment are available from the State Treasurer's Office or on their website at www.treasury.state.al.us. Interested persons can also write: State Treasurer's Office, 100 North Union Street, Montgomery, AL 36101, 1-800-252-7228 or 334-242-7514.

Leef Reunion to be held October 14
The Leef Reunion will be held Sunday, October 14, 2001 at the Elba Masonic Lodge, located on Larkin Road, Elba. All friends and family are encouraged to come and enjoy the fun and fellowship together.

ESJC offers second session of new special interest workshop
Enterprise State Junior College's offers a second session this fall of the new special interest workshop, Winning the Interview for the Job You Want. This workshop will increase your marketing skills, prepare you for the one-on-one or panel interview, offer you tips for the telephone interview, and help you to answer those crazy questions that might be asked. A textbook must be purchased at the first class session for \$20.00. There is a \$20.00 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is October 22. The workshop will be held on Saturday, October 27, 9:00 a.m.-Noon. For more information, call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234.

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mulaz, Sports Editor

Our youngest daughter has always been the caring member of the family, and after the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon last month she told us that she wanted to do something to help raise money for the families of the victims. She said that she didn't want to donate the money to any organization, but wanted to find the name of a family in which a Mom or Dad was killed in the tragedy, and send them the money to help them pay their bills. We are trying to find such a family, and when we do I will get a little help from South Alabama, thanks to a twelve-year old girl with a big heart.

ELBA TIGERS FALL IN DEFENSIVE STRUGGLE

The Elba Tigers hosted the ninth ranked Highland Home Flying Squadron last week and after four quarters of non-stop action on both sides of the ball found themselves on the wrong end of a 10-7 decision. At Elba High there has never been any such thing as a moral victory, but after being clobbered 47-13 by the same team just one year ago, the narrow defeat Friday night did at least serve as a barometer as to how far this program has come in a very short time. All losses hurt, and I am sure the loss last week was painful for all the young men that wear the black and gold. However, I am also sure that the Elba players left the field thinking they should have won, and that attitude will make them work even harder in practice to make certain it doesn't happen again. A stumble, maybe, but certainly another step in the right direction.

The Elba offense had two chances to put points on the scoreboard in the opening half, but missed out on both opportunities and went in at the half tied at 0-0. The first Elba drive of the night reached a fourth down at the Highland Home 24, and the Elba coaches made the perfect call by calling for a flea-flicker. The play worked to perfection and there was no defender to stop the pitch man. However, the pitch was bobbled, and instead of becoming an Elba touchdown, the ball rolled out of bounds and the drive came to an end. The second scoring opportunity came late in the half when the Tigers reached a first down at the Highland Home 11. With time winding down the Elba coaches chose to put the ball in the air on four straight plays, and all four passes missed their targets, as the Tigers came away empty-handed, again. Elba's offense has had some problems this season punching the ball in after getting in scoring position, and Friday night that problem rose up and bit the Tigers once again.

The Elba defense turned back two Highland Home scoring threats and played hard for all four quarters. The Tigers turned the Squadron back empty-handed in the opening quarter after watching Highland Home reach a first down at the Elba 15, then later held Highland Home to a field-goal after being faced with a first down at the 13, and late in the game turned back a final threat after handing the ball over on downs inside the Elba two-yardline. It is true that Highland Home connected on a 94-yard pass play for a touchdown, but that play must be chalked up to a lesson learned, the hard way. The Elba defense again took its opponents best shots and was still standing tall at the end of the game.

All losses hurt, especially the one that could have and should have been wins, but Friday night's loss to Highland Home was simply another step in the growing up process for the Elba Tiger football program. It may take longer than some want, but it appears to me that things are progressing nicely.

WEEK #6 WAS ONLY A SO-SO WEEK FOR AREA TEAMS

The sixth week of the high school football season has come and gone, and for the teams in the area it was just a so-so week as two teams won and two teams lost. Here is a quick look back...

*** **NEW BROCKTON (2-4)** ... lost to Houston County 35-14 and in the process saw its playoff hopes practically vanish. The Gamecocks did move the ball well at times and put two touchdowns on the scoreboard, but they were simply no match for the undefeated Lions and fell 15-13 in the region with only three region games left. Wins in two of their next three games could still get New Brockton in the post-season party. However, the Gamecocks definitely have their work cut out for them.

*** **KINSTON (3-3)** ... fell behind 24-0 by the end of the first half and never threatened in a surprising 24-6 loss to Pleasant Home. Many Kinston fans were talking playoffs after the Bulldogs jumped out to a 2-0 region record, but the Dogs have now slipped to 2-2 and face unbeaten G.W. Long this week. Kinston's wins over (0-6) Geneva County, (1-5) Arton and (0-6) Florala may have given the Bulldogs a false sense of just how good they really were. However, after the most recent losses to Brantley and Pleasant Home, reality should have set in.

*** **ZION CHAPEL (2-4)** ... got past Florala 22-12 in the Rebels' homecoming game and all of the sudden the Rebels are talking about a return trip to the playoffs. The loss to G.W. Long left even the biggest Zion Chapel doubter know that this team wouldn't back down from a challenge, and after last week's win the Rebels are 2-2 in the region, with Brantley and Kinston still left to play. One win in its final two region games could put Zion Chapel right back in the playoffs. Surprise!

*** **BRANTLEY (3-3)** ... had very few problems in rolling past Arton 35-6, and the Bulldogs are now back to the .500 mark for the first time since week number three. The Bulldogs are almost a lock to make the playoffs, but will still have to get some big wins down the line and then knock off Pleasant Home to get the home field advantage in the first round. Looks like the Dogs are growing teeth.

QUICK KICKS...

*** **1A** power Courtland made the trip down to Brundidge last week and went home hurting after a 41-0 whipping administered by the Pike County Bulldogs. The Chiefs may be the best of the 1A ranks in North Alabama circles, but in South Alabama they are nowhere close to being a 3A power.

*** Houston Academy made a statement in a 47-15 romp past Cottonwood and it looks like the Raiders are alive and well in the 2A ranks. The Raiders struggled last season against some of their new neighbors in Class 2A. However, Coach Rodney Dollar and his troops are on the march, and may be the best 2A team in the state that no one knows about.

*** Geneva County remained winless with a 54-13 loss to Samson, and I know the folks down in Hartford will be glad when

the nightmare season is finally over. The death of a Geneva County player in its season opening game has put a dark cloud over the entire program, and it is the kind of hurt that only time can heal.

*** Washington County continued to roll along with an easy 34-7 win over Gulf Shores, and it looks like the Bulldogs are once again a 3A team to keep an eye on. Last season the Bulldogs surprised even themselves with a banner year, but it now looks like the Bulldogs have built a winning program that will be around for years to come.

*** Geneva bounced back from its home loss to Dale County to defeat Daleville 20-14, and by doing so kept alive its hopes of being at home in the opening round of the 4A playoffs. The Panthers don't do anything fancy, they just do everything well, and play with a lot of pride and determination. Hey, they are 32-1 in their last 33 regular season games, and that ain't bad.

*** Eufaula continued to pound any and all comers with a 49-11 win over Wetumpka. Coach Shane Wasden had a few problems last season after taking the Tiger job, but he obviously has worked out the problems and has his team on a roll that could very well take the Tigers to the top in 5A circles.

*** Enterprise saw its record slip to 2-4 with a 22-10 loss to Dothan, and it appears that there will be no magic in the hands of Coach Kenneth Hand as far as the 2001 Wildcats are concerned. Both junior highs in Enterprise are running Coach Hand's spread offense and the youngsters will grow up knowing the system. So, maybe in a few years the Wildcats will be back and can start repaying some debts.

*** In closing... I was up in Brantley a few weeks back and got my first look at the newly renovated Brantley Bulldog football stadium. The Bulldog boosters have built a beautiful new home side at the stadium, and Brantley now can boast a field and stadium second to none in the 1A ranks. It is easy to see that "Bulldog Pride" is alive and well up in Brantley, Alabama.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PRIMED FOR PICKING

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by the office over the weekend and began to talk about possible opening round match-ups in the playoffs. I told the local gridiron guesser that the regular season still had four weeks left, but he never slowed down and predicted a wild first week of action. We'll worry about that early next month, but for now we'll stop and take a look at this week's picks. By the way, the prognosticator hit on 30 of 33 picks last week to up his season totals to 158-31, including such toss-ups as Dothan over Enterprise, Geneva over Daleville, Andalusia over Jackson and W.S. Neal over Luverne. Now for week #7...

ELBA VS. W.S. NEAL

While there is a real possibility the Tigers are due for a letdown after playing so hard for six straight weeks, it is hard to imagine this bunch of Tigers laying down for anyone. W.S. Neal will be at home and will be looking to claim a big region win in front of the home folks. It might get hot, but it might not be as big as many expect. **W.S. NEAL 20 ELBA 13**

NEW BROCKTON VS. HOUSTON COUNTY

The Gamecocks need a region win to keep their heads above water, but it is never easy to win in Dothan, and this season the

Tigers hit the road Friday for region 1 match-up against W.S. Neal Eagles

The Elba Tigers will hit the road Friday night when they make the long trip to East Brewton to battle the W.S. Neal Eagles, in an important Class 3A, Region 1, contest for both teams. The Tigers will bring a 3-3 record into the clash, including a 1-1 region slate, while the Eagles will enter the game with a 5-1 record, 2-1 in region play.

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Houston Academy Raiders are turning heads with their play. If New Brockton can control the ball it will have a chance to pull off the upset, but not a real good chance.

HOUSTON ACADEMY 21 NEW BROCKTON 7

KINSTON VS. G.W. LONG

The Bulldogs need a win to pump some life back into their sagging playoff balloon, but it won't come easy against the undefeated Rebels from Skipperville. If Kinston can rediscover its running game it could surprise the Rebels. However, don't look for many surprises Friday night down in Kinston.

G.W. LONG 22 KINSTON 8

ZION CHAPEL VS. ALABAMA S.D.

The Zion Chapel Rebels got a big win last week and all of the sudden find themselves right back in the middle of the playoff picture. While this week's game against the Silent Warriors won't count in the region standings, it is a game the Rebels need to win to get some momentum going heading down the home stretch. Oh well.

ALABAMA S.D. 21 ZION CHAPEL 20

BRANTLEY VS. FLORALA

The Bulldogs bite was worse than their bark for the second straight week last Friday night, and the Dogs from up in Crenshaw County will get the chance to sharpen their teeth again this week against the winless Wildcats. Brantley fans might need to buy a program to find out just who some of the players are in the clean green jerseys.

BRANTLEY 34 FLORALA 12

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SPORTS



Elba Tiger Defensive Front Wall...Members of the Elba Tiger defensive line are ready and waiting in Friday night's battle against Highland Home. Pictured are Michael Reed (55), Nick Folmar (44), Gavin Mauldin (75), Ralston Moore (15), along with defensive back Mandrell Carpenter (22).



ALMOST A TOUCHDOWN...The Elba Tigers Kyle English (4) pitches back to teammate Dougie Pierson (1) on an attempted flea-flicker play in the Tigers' 10-7 loss to Highland Home. A bobble on the pitch kept the play from going for a Tiger touchdown.

Tigers fall to Highland Home 10-7 in hard hitting defensive struggle

By Ricky Mulaz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers saw their two-game winning streak snapped Friday night as the highly-ranked Highland Home Flying Squadron invaded Tiger Stadium and left with a hard fought 10-7 win.

The loss evened the Tigers' record at 3-3, while the Squadron improved its record to 5-1 with the road win.

Elba kicked off to open the game, but got the ball right back at its own 46-yardline after a short Highland Home punt, and immediately headed toward the Flying Squadron goalline. The Tigers rode the running of Quinton Mackey and Dougie Pierson to a first down at the Highland Home 28. However, a holding penalty backed the Tigers up, and the early scoring opportunity went by the board when on fourth down a pitch-out following a short pass completion from Brandon Petty to Kyle English was fumbled at the Highland Home 20-yardline.

The Elba defense turned back a Flying Squadron threat on the ensuing series when Mandrell Carpenter intercepted a Highland Home pass and returned the interception 28 yards to the Tiger 39-yardline, and it was the Elba defense that was called upon again early in the second quarter when Highland Home put together its best drive of the half.

A 16-yard pass from Shaun May to Cory Johnson was a big play early in the drive, while May carried the Squadron on his back for much of the march and gave Highland Home a first down at the Elba 15-yardline. Tiger linebacker Jason Curran

must put points on the scoreboard when it gets the chance. Last week we missed out on two golden opportunities to score touchdowns, and it came back to haunt us in the 10-7 loss. We aren't good enough to make a lot of mistakes and beat anybody on our schedule, especially a team with the talent of W.S. Neal. Our defense played hard throughout the game last week and must play that way again this week for the entire game. We have to make tackles at the line of scrimmage, and must do a very good job in the secondary. We can't sit back and wait for the receiver to make a play on the ball. We have to be aggressive and believe that we can make the play on defense. Our defense will be challenged on every play, and it will have to rise up once again and give the offense a chance to win the game."

"We are 1-2 on the road this season and know that life is never easy on the road," added Waters. "This week will be no different. However, they came to our place last season and defeated us, and now we have the chance to return the favor. Our players have improved as the season has progressed and will continue to improve, and they get the chance to show what they learned in the games. This is a very important region game for us, and I urge all Elba Tiger fans to make the trip down to W.S. Neal and support this team. Our support does indeed make a difference, and this week we will need our fans behind us!"

When asked about the narrow 10-7 loss to Highland Home, Coach Waters stated, "Highland Home has a very fine football team on both sides of the ball and played well enough to win the game, but we feel like we let one get away that we should have won. We didn't make the plays on offense when we got in scoring position, and then let them have one big play that turned the game around. Our defense kept us in the game and played hard for all four quarters. I was proud of the players and coaches for the way they prepared for the game."

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Pouncey dropped back in his own endzone and lofted a short pass to James Hicks, who pulled in the pass behind the Tiger secondary and raced 94 yards for a touchdown. Norman booted the extra-point, and with 4:29 left in the third quarter Highland Home had moved on top 7-0.

Elba gave the ball right back to Highland Home on a fumbled snap from center at the Highland Home 48-yardline, and the Flying Squadron quickly moved to a first down at the Elba 13 behind the running of Shaun May. Highland Home moved inside the five after a 4-yard gain by Jeremy Robinson; but the Tiger defense again stiffened, and Highland Home had to settle for a 22-yard field-goal by Doug Norman that gave the Flying Squadron a 10-0 advantage on the first play of the fourth quarter.

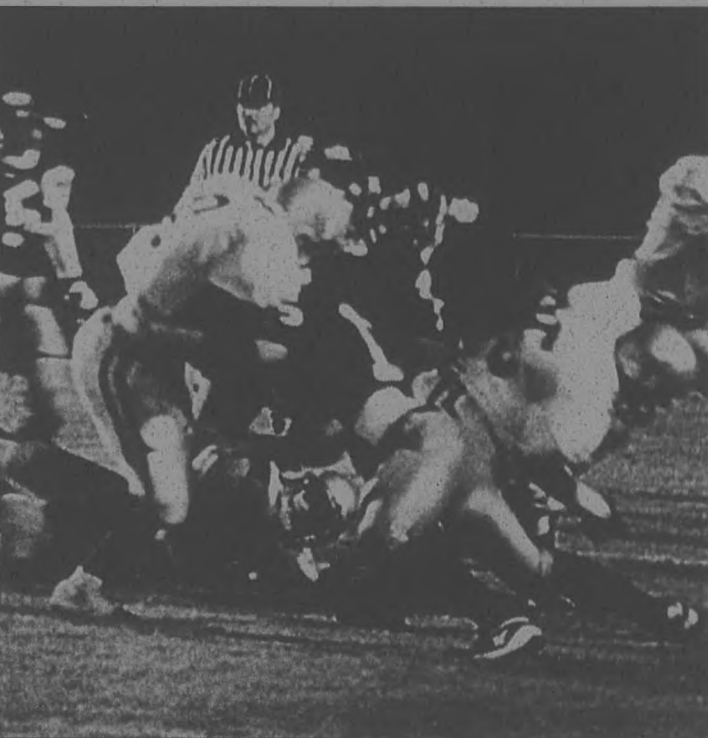
The Elba offense had failed to move the chains on its initial three possessions of the second half, but came to life following the Highland Home field-goal, and the Tigers responded by driving 79 yards in five plays to get on the scoreboard!

The drive got off to a slow start after a clipping penalty backed the Tigers up to their own 17-yardline, but it finished fast as on third down and five Todd Horstead broke loose outside and raced 75 yards for a Tiger touchdown. Marcus Henderson added the extra-point, and with 9:08 remaining in the fourth quarter Elba led the Highland Home 10-7.

Elba's Ralston Moore led a fourth down charge on defense that stopped a Highland Home threat inside the Elba 35-yardline.

STATISTICS

E	HH
7-151	1st Downs 13
49	Rushes-Yds. 50-181
110	Passing Yds.
200	Total Offense 291
4-14-2	Passes 2-5-1
3/2	Fumbles/Lost 2/0
3-38	Punts-Ave. 3-26
4-45	Penalties-Yds. 11-80



Elba defensive-end Ralston Moore (15) makes a stop on a Highland Home running back in the backfield for a big loss. Moore and the Tigers will battle the W.S. Neal Eagles this week in a key Class 3A, Region 1 contest. Kickoff for the region match-up will be 7:30 p.m. in East Brewton.

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Brantley Bulldog quarterback Channing Spivey (15) avoids a pass rush and fires a pass to a teammate near the sidelines in last week's big 35-6 win over the Arnton Purple Cats.



Brantley Bulldog cheerleaders had a reason to smile Friday night as the Bulldogs rolled to an easy 35-6 win over the Arnton Purple Cats in an important Class 1A, Region 2 clash.



Brantley head football coach David Lowery doesn't appear too pleased after a sideline chat with wide-receiver Brian Kervin (9). The Bulldogs will host the Florala Wildcats this week in a Thursday night clash.

Even record at 3-3 for season

Bulldogs run Purple Cats off the field in 35-6 romp

By Greg Brinson, Sports Writer

The Brantley Bulldogs evened their record at 3-3 Friday night with an impressive 35-6 win over the Arnton Purple Cats in Arnton.

The Bulldog offense rolled up almost 350 yards on the night, while the defense gave up more turnovers.

Brantley wasted little time getting on the scoreboard as the Bulldogs drove 56 yards in seven plays on the game's first possession. Devaris Skanes got the touchdown on a 27-yard punt with 9:23 left in the first quarter, and Cedric Jones added the extra-point to give Brantley an early 7-0 lead.

The Purple Cats quickly drove down to the Brantley 11-

yardline and appeared determined to reach the endzone, only to be stopped by Jamyal Jones, who intercepted a Walt Ellis pass at the 8-yardline and returned the interception 15 yards out to the Brantley 23.

From this point, Brantley put together a 12-play drive that covered 77 yards and resulted in the Bulldogs' second touchdown of the night. Skanes got the touchdown on a one-yard run up the middle, and Cedric Jones again booted the extra-point, as Brantley moved ahead 14-0 with 1:11 still left in the first quarter.

After an exchange of punts, Brantley's Tim Kelley recovered an Arnton fumble at the Purple Cat 13-yardline to put the Bulldog offense right back in business.

Channing Spivey hit Chancey Mitchell for a 9-yard completion on first down to move the ball to the Arnton 5. Ellis pass at the 8-yardline and returned the interception 15 yards out to the Brantley 23.

The Bulldogs wasted another scoring opportunity before the half as Jamyal Jones recovered a fumble at the Arnton 44-yardline. A penalty set the Bulldogs back, and Brantley punted away what had been a scoring chance, as the Dogs carried a 21-0 lead in at halftime.

Arnton showed signs of life as the second half opened with a 65-yard touchdown run by T.R. Oliver. Bobby Phillips broke

through to block the extra-point attempt, but with only 13 seconds gone in the third quarter Arnton was on the board and had cut the Brantley lead to 21-6.

Brantley took the ensuing kick off and raced 65 yards down field in only five plays. Channing Spivey completed both passes he attempted during the scoring march, with the second completion going for a 14-yard touchdown to Michael Mitchell. Cedric Jones was good with the extra-point, and with 9:49 left in the third quarter Brantley was back in charge with a 28-6 lead.

The Brantley defense held the Purple Cats to three rushes and a punt on the ensuing possession, and the Bulldogs' Devaris Skanes returned the punt 33 yards to the Arnton 11-yardline.

On the next snap Skanes took a hand off and headed for the endzone, only to fumble after being hit near the goal line. Skanes hustled back to his feet and fell on the fumble in the endzone, as he scored his third touchdown of the night. Cedric Jones booted the extra-point and with 7:11 still left in the third quarter Brantley had blown it open by moving ahead 35-6.

Arnton drove the ball 79 yards in 18 plays to the Brantley 1-yardline on the Cats' ensuing series. However, the Bulldog defense stiffened when the Purple Cats got in close, and Jimmy Mitchell broke through to sack the Arnton running back on both third and fourth downs to kill the threat.

Brantley simply ran out the clock following the defensive

stand, and left with a big 35-6 win.

Devaris Skanes was the game's leading rusher with 195 yards on 16 carries and 3 touchdowns. Channing Spivey had a big night passing with 6 completions in 10 attempts to five different receivers. T.R. Oliver led Arnton with 162 yards rushing on 24 attempts.

STATISTICS

B	FL	1st Downs	Δ
14	14	33-272	40-208
74	343	Passing Yds.	15
6-10-0	1-3-1	Total Offense	13-1
48	48	Returf Yds.	42
8-77	0	Penalties-Yds.	1-10
0	0	Fumbles-Lost	2
3-35	2-32	Punts-Ave.	2-32

Region record slips to 2-2

Kinston Bulldogs upset by Pleasant Home 24-6

By Tony Kelley, Sports Writer

The Kinston Bulldogs hosted the Pleasant Home Eagles Friday night in an important region game for both teams, and when the clock reached 90 for the fourth and final time it was the Eagles that left the field with a big 24-6 win.

Neither team was able to put points on the scoreboard in the first quarter, but in the second quarter Pleasant Home wasted little time scoring the first points of the night.

The Eagles drove the ball down the field behind the strong legs of Author Coleman, and Coleman capped off the drive with an 8-yard touchdown run. Levi Cotton's extra-point try failed, but Pleasant Home was on the board with a 6-0 lead.

The Bulldogs' next possession would consist of only one play as they coughed up the ball to the Eagles at the Kinston 7-

yardline. Two plays later Coleman again found his way into the endzone, and after an unsuccessful two-point try, the Eagles headed back up field with a 12-0 advantage.

On its next possession Kinston drove the ball down to the Pleasant Home 30-yardline, only to once again fumble the ball away to the Eagles. Pleasant Home drove the ball right back down the field, and on a fourth down play at the Kinston 23-yardline, Levi Cotton broke loose for a 23-yard touchdown run. The two-point conversion failed, but with less than two minutes left the second quarter Pleasant Home had blown the game open by grabbing an 18-0 lead.

Jim Backsle took the ensuing kick off to the 44-yardline, where the Bulldogs would try once again to get some points on their side of the scoreboard. The late Kinston effort backfired on

the Bulldogs; however, as on the first play of the half the Eagles' David Hanby intercepted a Cody Sansom pass at the Pleasant Home 5-yardline and returned the interception 95 yards for an Eagle touchdown.

The extra-point try failed, but the teams left the field at half-time. Pleasant Home was in command with a big 24-0 lead.

The second half started with a Bulldog drive from their own 19-yardline that would end in the Pleasant Home endzone. Todd Mock capped the scoring march with a 3-yard touchdown run, but the two-point try failed, and with 6:08 left in the third quarter Kinston still found itself trailing 24-6.

The Kinston defense kept the Eagles out of the endzone throughout the second half, but the Bulldogs were also unable to find their way back into the endzone, and at the final horn Pleasant Home celebrated the

win 24-6.

Kinston's Coach Gary Glass was disappointed with the first half effort of the Bulldogs and stated, "It was my worst nightmare that we would come out flat after the Brantley game. We got a little refocused in the second half, but you can't spot a good team like Pleasant Home 24 points and expect to win."

Kinston will face undefeated G.W. Long Friday night in Kinston, and Coach Glass said, "It won't get any easier, and from here on out it will be an up hill battle."

Ryan Anderson gained 54 yards on 10 carries, and Todd Mock added 43 yards on 9 carries to lead Kinston, which rushed for a total of 160 yards. Author Coleman gained 123 yards on 26 carries and Levi Cotton added 57 yards on 13 carries, which rushed the ball for 304 yards.



A Kinston Bulldog runner fights for yardage in last week's 24-6 loss to Pleasant Home. Friday night the Bulldogs will host the undefeated G.W. Long Rebels in a key Class 1A, Region 2 battle.

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A Zion Chapel runner is stopped for a short gain in the Rebels' 22-12 win last week over the Florala Wildcats. The win evened the Rebels' region record at 2-2 and kept their playoff hopes alive.

Key region games highlight area high school football schedule for week #7

The high school football season will open chapter seven in its 2001 edition this week and for teams in the area the newest chapter in this year's history books will bring with it key region games.

The week's action will begin on Thursday night when the Florala Wildcats invade Brantley, while Friday night games will find the New Brockton Gamecocks in Dothan to tangle with the Houston Academy Raiders. The Gamecocks saw their region record slip to 1-3 last week with a 35-14 loss to Houston County, and it appears that the Gamecocks will have to play the role of spoiler as they see their season head down the homestretch. The Raiders have been the surprise team of the region; this season and will bring a 4-1 record and a 2-1 region slate into this week's clash. Houston Academy has posted wins over Graceville 35-0, Sanson 34-3, Wickburg 28-0 and Cantonwood 47-15, while losing to Slocomb 18-14. The Raiders are blessed with speed and size, and have made a lot of noise in the Wiregrass throughout the season. If New Brockton can play keep away with the Raiders and use its ball control offense to roll up yards and punt points on the scoreboard, an upset could be in the making.

However, it will take the Gamecocks' best effort of the season.

G.W. LONG (6-0) AT KINSTON (3-3)

The Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to snap a two-game losing streak and jump back into the region race Friday night when they host the undefeated G.W. Long Rebels. The Bulldogs appeared to be the early-season region favorites after rolling to three straight wins and going 2-0 in the region, but the Dogs have

dropped back-to-back region games to Brantley and Pleasant Home, and Kinston is now fighting for its lives in an attempt to even make it to the playoffs. G.W. Long has made it look easy throughout the season and will bring a 6-0 record into this week's clash after posting wins over Barbour County 46-0, New Brockton 27-6, Brantley 17-3, Pleasant Home 21-6, Zion Chapel 35-6 and Graceville 24-6. The Rebels are stingy on defense and explosive on offense, and it will take Kinston's best game on both sides of the ball to give the Bulldogs a shot at pulling off the upset.

FLORALA (0-6) AT ALABAMA S.D. (4-1)

The Zion Chapel Rebels will head to Talladega Friday night to battle the Silent Warriors of the Alabama School for the Deaf. Zion Chapel will bring a 2-4 record into the clash, but will be coming off a big region win over Florala 22-12, and should be confident that its early-season struggles may finally be coming to an end. Last week Michael Rayburn and Wesley Grant had big games on offense, while Zane Tracey anchored the Rebel defense in the key win that kept the Rebels' playoff hopes alive and well. While it is difficult to be exact with the Silent Warriors record, it is known that A.S.D. opened the season with wins over Donoho 24-0, Tennessee School for the Deaf 28-0 and Florida School for the Deaf 28-0. The Silent Warriors guard their home turf well, and Zion Chapel will have to play four quarters of football to have a chance at bringing home a win.

FLORALA (0-6) AT ALABAMA S.D. (4-1)

The loss dropped the Gamecocks' record to 1-3 in region play, while the Lions improved to 6-0 with the win, 4-0 in region competition.

The Gamecocks dodged a bullet early when Tyler Simmons recovered a Houston County fumble at the New Brockton 30-yardline. However, the Lions got the ball right back on a New Brockton punt, and this time marched into the endzone to grab an early 7-0 lead.

New Brockton began its next series at its own 23-yardline and shocked the Lions by marching 77 yards to pull even!

The Gamecock touchdown came on a 4-yard run by Jeremy Meeks, and Albar Herrero tucked on the extra-point to pull New Brockton even at 7-7 with 6:14 left in the half.

Houston County struck back quickly with a 65-yard touchdown pass, and then added a late touchdown when the Lions scored on a 34-yard run with only :09 remaining in the half to carry a 21-7 lead in at intermission.

The Lions tacked on a pair of

to 5-6 times in a breeding season. Doves are poor nest builders though, constructing a flat nest near the end of a limb. This poorly constructed nest located at the end of a limb results in the loss of eggs and young birds during high wind conditions.

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A recent arrival, the Eurasian collared dove, has wildlife agencies wondering what affect it will have on our morning dove population. Many feel that if their population continues to increase, they could compete with the morning dove.

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Zion Chapel Rebels tame Florala Wildcats in key 22-12 region win

By Chris Winters and Randy Winters

The Zion Chapel Rebels gave a large homecoming crowd plenty to cheer about and kept their playoff hopes alive Friday night by claiming an exciting 22-12 win over the Florala Wildcats.

The win upped the Rebels' record to 2-4, 2-2 in region play, while Florala fell to 0-6, 0-4 in region competition.

Zion Chapel turned the ball over on an interception on its first possession, but got the ball back at its own 30-yardline on an Arnton punt, and this time marched 70 yards in only four plays to grab an early lead. Michael Rayburn was the workhorse of the drive as he gained 48 yards on three carries, and scored the touchdown on a 32-yard dash. Rayburn ran in the two-point conversion, and with 7:33 left in the first quarter the Rebels were on top 8-0.

The two region rivals slugged it out on their next four drives as neither team could mount an offensive threat. However, the Rebels' Michael Rayburn pounced on a fumble at the Zion Chapel 34-yardline early in the second quarter, and the Rebels quickly turned the turnovers into points!

Zion Chapel's Zane Tracey kept the drive alive early when he recovered a Rebel fumble for a five-yard gain, while a key play came two plays later when Wesley Grant connected with William Stewart on a 27-yard pass completion. Michael Rayburn scored one play later on a 27-yard run, and although the two-point try failed, Zion Chapel was ahead 14-0 with 5:33 remaining in the third quarter.

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to regain command. A 29-yard run by Michael Rayburn got the drive off to a fast start, while it was Rayburn that scored the touchdown when he raced in from 16 yards out on fourth down and two. Seth Legg passed to William Stewart for the two-point conversion, and with 4:33 remaining on the clock the Rebels and their fans could finally catch their breath as Zion Chapel's lead went to 22-12.

Florala failed to move after receiving the ensuing kickoff, and the Rebels thunderously ran out the clock to post the exciting 22-12 homecoming win.

Michael Rayburn gained 143 yards on 16 carries and scored 4-3 touchdowns to lead Zion Chapel, while Wesley Grant added 48 yards on 11 tries.

STATISTICS

ZC	FL	1st Downs	E
6	6	216	129
47	47	Passing Yds.	20
263	263	Total Offense	149
3-6-1	3-6-1	Passes	1-6-0
10	10	Fumbles-Lost	4-2
4-28	4-28	Penalties-Yds.	8-60

Region record slips to 1-3

New Brockton Gamecocks outscored by Houston County Lions 35-14

By Daniel Roberts and Michael Jenkins, Sports Writers

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their playoff hopes take a serious blow Friday night when they were defeated by the undefeated Houston County Lions 35-14 in New Brockton.

The loss dropped the Gamecocks' record to 1-3 in region play, while the Lions improved to 6-0 with the win, 4-0 in region competition.

The Gamecocks dodged a bullet early when Tyler Simmons recovered a Houston County fumble at the New Brockton 30-yardline. However, the Lions got the ball right back on a New Brockton punt, and this time marched into the endzone to grab an early 7-0 lead.

New Brockton began its next series at its own 23-yardline and shocked the Lions by marching 77 yards to pull even!

The Gamecock touchdown came on a 4-yard run by Jeremy Meeks, and Albar Herrero tucked on the extra-point to pull New Brockton even at 7-7 with 6:14 left in the half.

Houston County struck back quickly with a 65-yard touchdown pass, and then added a late touchdown when the Lions scored on a 34-yard run with only :09 remaining in the half to carry a 21-7 lead in at intermission.

The Lions tacked on a pair of



New Brockton's Joe Sawyer (12) and Randy Danford (34) lead the Gamecocks onto the field prior to Friday night's region clash with Houston County.

third quarter touchdowns to stretch their lead to 35-7, while the Gamecocks scored with 4:16 remaining in the final stanza on a 9-yard dash by Randy Danford. Herrero added the extra-point, but it was too little, too late, as New Brockton fell to the powerful Lions 35-14.

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Mission established at Elba Dog Pound

Homyak committed to finding homes for animals

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Since accepting the job as animal control officer for the City of Elba, George Homyak has dedicated himself to providing animals with proper care. Homyak has been employed by the City of Elba since the early 90s but has only been working as the animal control officer for about a year. However, he has worked diligently in making improvements at the dog pound and insists that the job requires much more than just picking up stray dogs.

"When I accepted the job, my first concern was the cleanliness of the shelter," said Homyak. "I believe in cleanliness and sanitizing it."

Although he said it is almost impossible to keep a shelter from having a bit of an odor all the time, he does clean the facility daily. He even comes to work a couple of hours every Saturday and Sunday to clean the facility and feed the animals.

The facility, known by most as the Elba Dog Pound but referred to as the Elba Animal Shelter by Homyak, has a capacity of 15. However, Homyak said he will keep a litter of puppies together when he gets them so there is the occasion when more than 15 dogs could be at the shelter.

"I said his main goal was to pick up or receive animals to care for at the shelter is to find a home for them."

"When I first took over, there was somewhere around 22 puppies at the shelter, and I got about 18 of them adopted," said Homyak. "I will go out of my way to get the dogs adopted."

He said the dogs at the shelter are free for adoption, and he has only one "requirement" for someone interested in adopting one of the dogs.

"I recommend keeping the shots up-to-date on the animal," he said.

Currently, Homyak said there are 10 dogs at the facility.

Often times, the dogs caught by Homyak are those not properly restrained by the owner according to the city's ordinance.

To be in compliance with the city's ordinance, a dog must be confined within a fence, wall or other enclosure in such a manner as to effectively prevent the escape of the dog, or restrained



Animal control officer George Homyak pets one of the dogs currently housed at the Elba Dog Pound. Homyak said his adoption program has received a positive reaction since he began the job about a year ago.

by a leash, cord or chain, not less than 10 feet in length and secured to a collar with swivel connections in such a manner as to effectively prevent the escape of the dog, provided, however, the length of the leash, cord or chain shall be reduced to such length as to prevent the dog, when so secured, from entering premises other than that of the owner.

A dog that is found to not be properly restrained and taken to the shelter can be retrieved by the owner by contacting Homyak. He said he will assist the owner in any way he can in getting their animal back; however, the owner will be charged a small fee by the city for the housing of the animal while it was at the shelter.

"I believe in working with the people," Homyak said. "Anyone needing my assistance at the shelter should contact the Elba Police Department and they will notify me."

Homyak added that he does not believe in animal cruelty or dog fighting, and he will prosecute anyone he finds engaging in these activities.

As for the future, Homyak said he has several projects already in mind.

He said he is working with the local school system to present a program to third grade students concerning the dos and don'ts of animal care.

"I believe if we educate our children at a young age they will grow up being humane to animals," Homyak said.

Also, he hopes to one day have a new, modern, climate controlled shelter for his animals. He said a new shelter would allow him to accommo-

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REMINDER

Yelverton Street in Elba is now a two-way street. This is the street in front of the old Elba Post Office.

The street was changed to allow traffic to travel in both directions now that the post office has moved to its new location.

Elba Division Grand Jury hands down indictments during session

The Coffee County Elba Division Grand Jury met in regular session on Monday, Oct. 15.

The grand jury inquired into a total of 61 cases, according to information released by Bruce L. DeVane, chief investigator of the district attorney's office, 12th Judicial Circuit.

The grand jury handed down a total of 50 indictments with 39 of those being felonies and 11 being misdemeanors.

The grand jury also returned nine no bills, and two cases were continued for further investigation.

Arraignments for the 50 indictments handed down by the grand jury are scheduled for Monday, Nov. 19, at the Elba Courthouse.



The Miss National Peanut Festival Pageant will be held Oct. 19 and 20 at the Dothan Civic Center and representing the Zion Chapel Community will be Miss Zion Chapel Mallorie Leigh Bedsole, daughter of Jerry and Jo Ann Bedsole.

"This weekend all the practices and preparations will come together as 63 young ladies compete for the title of 'Miss National Peanut Festival'," said Bedsole. "I invite everyone to the festival which will be held Friday, Oct. 19, and Saturday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. I will be contestant #1 so don't be late."

Area Happenings

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL On Friday, Oct. 19, the Elba Tigers will be at home against Washington County, the New Brockton Gamblers will be at home against Shocomb, the Kinston Bulldogs will travel to Beulah and the Zion Chapel Rebels will be at home taking on the Brantley Bulldogs. Kickoff for all games will be 7:30 p.m.

NBHS HOMECOMING New Brockton High School will begin its Homecoming festivities with a bon fire on Thursday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m. The Homecoming parade will begin at 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19, and the pre-game ceremony will begin at 7 p.m.

FALL FESTIVAL The Elba Elementary Fall Festival will be held Saturday, Oct. 20, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. behind the Elba Elementary School.

ELHS PARENT VISITATION Elba High School will hold Parent Visitation Day on Monday, Oct. 29, from 3:30-6 p.m. Parents are invited to visit the high school and meet with teachers. Those who are unable to attend during this time are encouraged to call the high school at 897-2266 to schedule an appointment with teachers upon their availability (planning periods) for conferences.

STORY TIME The Elba Public Library will have a children's story time Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 2:00-5:30 p.m. before Pumpkins on the Square.

TRICK-OR-TREAT The Trick-or-Treat hour for the City of Elba will be Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 5 until 7 p.m. The Town of New Brockton will allow trick-or-treating on Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 5-8 p.m.



Miss Elba Carey Holloway will compete for the title of Miss National Peanut Festival Queen on Friday, Oct. 19, for preliminaries and Saturday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. for finals at the Dothan Civic Center.

Carey is the daughter of Matt and Judy Holloway of Elba and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie C. Waters of Troy and the late Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Holloway of Section, Ala.

Carey will compete along with 63 other contestants. She will be contestant number 58. Everyone is invited to attend and show their support.